

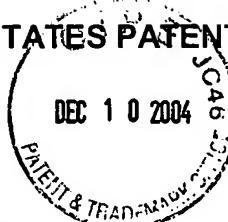
## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.104 (e)**

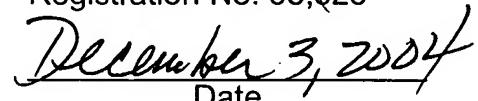
In response to the Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the Notice of Allowability, dated September 14, 2004 the following comments are submitted.

While Applicants believe that the claims are allowable and patentably distinct over the cited references, Applicants do not acquiesce that patentability resides in each feature, exactly as expressed in the claims, or accede that each and every feature of the claims is required for patentability. Applicants submit, therefore, that patentability is based on the claimed invention as a whole, and not solely on one or more particular features recited in the allowed claims or solely as stated in the Examiner's reasons for allowance.

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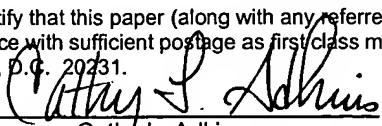


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